

Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2009
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Meeting opened at 12:35 p.m..

Board members present: Chairman George McHale, Cushing Samp, Richard Arnold and Peter Danton

Excused members: Larry Hall on medical leave

Staff members present: Exec.Director Robert Welch, Auditor Scott Woods, Sgt. Bill Gomane and Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

Legal counsel: Lara Nomani, Ass't A.G.

Minutes from 6/3/2009 meeting

Motion to accept: Dick Arnold moved to accept the minutes

Seconded: Cushing Samp

Vote: 4-0

Executive Director's Report – Robert Welch

Bangor P.D. Calls - 14 calls for July to the Facility, pretty minimal considering 151,732 people were through the facility that month.

Substance Abuse Gambling Addiction Study Update – Mr. Welch called the office, but no response. We will put it on the next Agenda.

Annual Renewals of Bangor Historic Track and IGT – The financials were reviewed by McDonald Page, background check conducted for suitability, no problems found. Their license respectively will be renewed for another year.

Shutdown Days – no problems with no staff at the facility on these days. Bob worked on Thursday ahead of time on shipping out machines for Friday, August 7th, a shutdown day.

Financial Update – Scott Woods

July 2009 has been the 2nd highest revenue month since the opening in July 2008. The Promotional Credit program started July 1st. Hollywood Slots has been helpful with the process of reconciling accounts and working with Scott Woods.

State Police Activity Update – Sgt. Bill Gomane

24 applications have been received since the June meeting. 82 are pending licensure for a total of 106. 10 incidents were investigated at the facility. If coverage is needed at HS, State Police might be able to help out. It was recently changed that all MSP troopers are deemed essential, so coverage might be possible when the inspectors are on shutdown days.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Complaint Committee - #09-0625-01 and #09-629-01

Any complaints must be discussed. Per 1 MRSA, Sec 405 that gives the Board the capability of receiving legal advice as well as 8 MRSA, Sec 1052 for confidential matters, the Board will go into Executive Session.

Motion at 12:52 pm by George McHale to go into Session

Seconded by Cushing Samp

Vote: 4-0

End of Executive Session, reconvene regular session: 2:20 p.m.

Re: #09-0625-01

The Board recommends that a non-disciplinary consent agreement letter by Lara Nomani be sent to the Slot Operator. All tickets received will be processed.

Motion: by Dick Arnold that a non-disciplinary letter be sent

Seconded by Peter Danton

Vote: 4-0

Cushing voted in exception relating to the handling of tickets that are under \$1.

Re: #09-629-01

The Board also recommends that a non-disciplinary letter by Lara Nomani, be sent to the Slot Operator.

Motion: by Cushing Samp in reference to #629, that a letter of guidance to the employee, a Consent decree with a warning be issued to the Slot Operator

Seconded by Dick Arnold

Vote: 4-0

Promotional Credits – tabled to the next meeting.

Public Comments - None

Next meeting is Sept 9, 2009 (which was changed to 9/16/009)

Adjournment at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chamberlain, secretary